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Arizona Department of Education Announces Student Winners of Visual Arts Competition

Phoenix, AZ, January 10, 2014 – Today, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) announced the student winners of the ***Everyday Art of Arizona*** visual arts competition at an awards ceremony held at the Department's offices located at 3300 N. Central Avenue in Phoenix.

"I would like to commend our winners for their outstanding artwork," said Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal. "Student artwork in the halls of our offices helps remind us at the Department of Education that students are the reason we come to work every day. These beautiful works inspire us to do our best for our Arizona students and their schools, and reminds us of what an asset every child is for Arizona."

The ***Everyday Art of Arizona*** competition is a celebration of art and artistry found throughout Arizona. Students were asked to identify art in the world around them – from the design of a flip flop to the soaring red rocks of Sedona. Students were invited to celebrate the everyday art found in their Arizona community with their artwork entry. More than 120 student artworks are now on display in the Arizona Department of Education buildings located in Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson throughout the year.

Grand Prize Winner (\$500 and \$500 to the student's school)

Thien Bui – 10th Grade, Greenway High School, Glendale Union HS District

First Place Winner (\$300 each)

Maria Lucella Macaraig – 2nd Grade, Tuba City Primary School, Tuba City USD

Amanda Won – 5th Grade, Knox Academy, Chandler USD

Hana Wilde – 8th Grade, Fountain Hills Charter School

Delaney Smith – 12th Grade, Sonoran Science Academy (Tucson)

Second Place Winner (\$200 each)

AnnaYao – 3rd Grade, San Tan Elementary School, Higley USD

Christie Zhang – 5th Grade, Countryside Elementary School, Dysart USD

Deja M. Douglas – 8th Grade, New School for the Arts and Academics

Jaimie Mai – 12th Grade, Apollo High School, Glendale Union HS District

Third Place Winner (\$100 each)

Abigail Tomich – 3rd Grade, Whispering Wind Academy, Paradise Valley USD

Aneri Mehta – 6th Grade, BASIS Phoenix

Garrett Longman – 7th Grade, Sonoran Trails Middle School

Marshall Shill – HS, Mingus Union HS District

“I would like to offer my congratulations to these student winners for their wonderful submissions and for allowing us to display their artwork for almost all of 2014,” said Lynn Tuttle, Director for Arts Education for ADE. “The level of artistry displayed in all entries is remarkable this year, and was commented on by our panel of judges. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our generous sponsors: DOXA Central LLC, the Arizona Citizens for the Arts and Hall of Frames for providing the student prizes and helping to make this competition a huge success.”

For more information about the Department’s Art Education Program, visit
<http://www.azed.gov/art-education/>

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